above, there should be a programme for reintroduction of tigers which should be executed under the aegis of a scientific body.

(xvi) The SIT ovserved that there is no scientific monitoring programme, because of which the park authorities failed to track the dwindling population. Hence, it is recommended that scientific monitoring protocol should be implemented in respect of habitat, prey and predator. The park management should do periodic assessment of all the recorded data atleast on a bimonthly basis.

National Wild Life Crime Bureau

†4698. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a National Wild Life Crime Bureau;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Proposal to set up a Wildlife Crime Control Bureau under the Ministry of Environment and Forests has been approved by National Board for Wildlife. The process of establishing the Bureau is under way.

(b) The Bureau will be a multi-disciplinary organization having professionals drawn from various enforcement agencies. The objectives of the bureau are —

(i) To gather and analyze intelligence related to organized wildlife crime activities and to disseminate the same to State and Regional Enforcement Agencies for swift action to apprehend the criminals.

(ii) To develop infrastructure and capacity for scientific and professional investigation into wildlife crimes and assist State Governments to ensure better success of cases related to wildlife crimes.

(iii) To act as a multi agency unit with full time officers from various organizations like Police, DRI, CBI, IB, ITBP, BSF, Customs and the Forest and Wildlife Departments.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iv) To implement the resolutions and decisions taken under various International Conventions such as on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES), International Whaling Commission, etc., to which India is and other International Convention Party.

(v) To co-operate with the Interpol Wildlife Crime Working Group, the World Customs Organization, the CITES Tiger Enforcement Task Force and various other Law Enforcement Agencies inside the country.

(vi) To develop a National level Policy for containing the trade, enforcement and capacity building of the State Forest Departments to carry out enforcement and investigation in a professional manner.

(vii) To advise the Government of India on changes required in policy and legislation from time to time.

(c) Does not arise.

Census of tigers

4699. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Panna (Madhya Pradesh) once hailed as the best success story of Project Tiger, has lost 35 to 40 tigers during the past two years;

(b) whether at least 6 tigers were also reported killed in Bandhavgarh (M.P.) recently;

(c) whether any census of tiger population has lately been caused or is being caused; if so, the comparative population of tigers in different sanctuaries and reserves as per last two censuses; and

(d) the steps taken and being taken to protect and promote tiger population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) No such report has come to light from the State Government.

(c) Yes Sir. The All India Estimation of tigers is done once in every four years, and the comparative figures of last two such censuses are given in